

**CITY OF LAURENS
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL CENTER
250 WEST LAURENS STREET, LAURENS, SC 29360
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
5:30PM**

PRESENT

Mayor Nathan Senn, Councilor Johnnie Bolt, Councilor Martin Lowry, Councilor Alicia Sullivan, IT Director Colby Rice, City Clerk Leslie Mattison

ABSENT

Councilor Cassandra Campbell, Councilor Sara Latimore, Councilor Marian Miller, City Administrator Eric Delgado

PRESS IN ATTENDANCE

None

THE MEDIA WAS NOTIFIED BY AN EMAILED AGENDA.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Senn called the meeting to order with Councilor Sullivan giving the invocation and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the August 20, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda and July 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes - A motion was made by Councilor Lowry and seconded by Councilor Bolt to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM SESSION

No one was present that wished to address council.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE 09-24-01: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION, AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY, AS LESSOR, AND GARY DURKEE AND ZACHARY DURKEE, DBA ARNOLD'S OF LAURENS, AS LESSEE, WITH RESPECT TO SQUARE FOOTAGE IN THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 104 EAST MAIN ST – Mayor Senn explained that this ordinance is to authorize the mayor and administration to negotiate the details of a lease agreement on behalf of the City of Laurens regarding the space and square footage in the Capitol Theater for the purpose of a restaurant. He also

explained that all details will be reviewed and discussed at the second reading of this ordinance at the regular scheduled September council meeting. Mayor Senn also clarified that the reason for the special called meeting is because the city and Arnold's both want to move quickly.

Councilor Sullivan stated that she was not comfortable without understanding the details on first reading.

A motion was made by Councilor Lowry and seconded by Councilor Bolt to approve Ordinance 09-24-01. The motion passed 3-1 with Councilor Sullivan voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Bolt and seconded by Councilor Lowry to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVED:



NATHAN SENN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LESLIE MATTISON, CITY CLERK